



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
1233 Emerald Rd.
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DISCIPLE DIGEST

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
ISSUE NO. VI-2026
MINISTER: PASTOR RIC BEALS

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Coffee & Conversation 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Childrens Sunday School during worship



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JUNE 2026

MISSION OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The mission of this Congregation shall be—

To lead people to faith in Jesus Christ.

To encourage their active commitment to His service.

To facilitate their growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.

Further, it shall be our mission to work for the unity of all Christians and to participate in the common task of building the Kingdom of God.



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RIC

PASTOR'S PAGE

Summer is so bright and cheerful. It invites us to stay outside a bit later as the sunshine stretches the day longer. We sometimes like to complain, "It's sure hot outside," but we still enjoy the feelings of freedom and relaxation that summer gives. Summer is a joyful season. Trees are filled with leaves; flowers and vegetable gardens are in full bloom, and shorts and a t-shirt rule the day. Daylight is plentiful and it appears that there is more time for everything. As a kid, I remember playing outside until well past dark. Summer brings fun opportunities for laughter and happiness – the picnics, the vacations, and the get-togethers. Scripture is abundant with reminders about the place that joy should have in our lives, here are just a couple of examples:

"Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'" –Psalm 126:2

**"Shout for joy to God, our source of strength! Shout out to the God of Jacob!"
–Psalm 81:1**

Summer is a great time for us to experience the joy that living in Christ brings us, allowing us to enjoy all that God provides. As we experience God's joy through the beauty of nature, the sound of children's laughter, or recounting a funny story with friends and family, be sure to share it. Our joy is multiplied when we do it. And save me a cold Diet Mountain Dew!

Summer Blessings to You!

Pastor Ric

Comfort in Mourning:
The family of Sandy Howell

Healing Prayers:
Kenny Adkins
Anna Gunderman
Bob Iler
*Genelta Levos
Erika Pease
Linda Snodgrass Reinhart

Continuing Concerns:
Renee Celie
Braden Hormann
Elizabeth Miller
*Charlie Simpson
JaNa Sinn

*Denotes Members

Nursing Home Residents..
The Paulding Care Community
Rich English

Country Inn
*Jack Moore-Rm 34

Military:
Cameron Cramer
Miranda E. Iler
Morgan R. Iler
Jamie B. Gamble



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 6/02 Emily Thielbar
- 6/03 Jolene Smith
- 6/04 Gail Stoller
- 6/09 Dave Clark
- 6/12 Caia Cook
- 6/12 Grace Laney
- 6/13 Dee Fraley
- 6/14 Angie Coak
- 6/17 Nicole Harris
- 6/18 Stella Bandy
- 6/18 Julie Knapp
- 6/18 Lindsay Metzger
- 6/19 Lisa cline
- 6/24 Mike Workman
- 6/28 Bonnie Sherland
- 6/29 Gerry Fraley
- 6/30 Larry Grace



HOW CAN we Pray FOR YOU?

Sermons

If you would like to hear a specific sermon a 2nd time they are available on our website at firstccpaulding.org or our facebook page.

First Scriptures:
6/07 Genesis 12: 1-9
6/14 Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19
6/21 Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17
6/28 Psalm 13



- 6/01 Don & Marilyn Stevenson
- 6/02 Cory & Olivia Mendez
- 6/11 Pete & Lisa Cline
- 6/13 Brett & Michelle Mawer
- 6/21 Gerry & Dee Fraley

Flowers For Worship:

- 6/07
- 6/14 Herm Guelde-In Memory of Jean
- 6/21
- 6/28



June Servers

- Elders:**
- 6/07 Gary McClure & Tracy Gunderman
 - 6/14 Larry Grace & Paul Long
 - 6/21 Gary McClure & Max Hibbard
 - 6/28 Gary McClure & Bruce Gunderman

ATTENDANCE

	Total	Member	Non Member	Child	Visitor	Online
4/26	88	47	17	20	4	136
5/03	79	42	17	17	3	191
5/10	94	53	20	15	6	126
5/17	80	44	17	18	1	187
5/24	78	42	19	14	3	86

Worship Leader: Matt Strayer

First Scripture: Larry Grace

Greeter: Marsha & Kenny Adkins



From the Elders

devotion by Nancy Gavilanes entitled **Pause To Pray**

A meteorologist in Mississippi went viral to utter six simple yet profound words during his weather forecast on March 24, 2023. Matt Laubhan was tracking a severe storm when he realized a catastrophic tornado was about to bear down on the town of Amory. That's when Laubhan paused on live TV to say this prayer heard worldwide: "Dear Jesus, please help them. Amen." Some viewers later said that prayer prompted them to take cover. His spontaneous and heartfelt prayer may have helped save countless lives.

Our prayers can make a difference too. They don't have to be long-winded. They can be short and sweet and can be said at any time of the day. Whether we're at work, running errands, or on vacation, we can "pray continually" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). God loves to hear us pray throughout the day. The apostle Paul reminds us that we don't have to be prisoners of worry or fear but can take all our cares and concerns to God: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with Thanksgiving, present our requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4: 6-7).

Whether we're enjoying a sunny day or being hit by the literal or figurative storms of life, let's remember to pause and pray throughout the day.

How can you be more intentional about praying throughout the day?

How has your prayer life grown over the years?

Heavenly Father, thank You that I can pray to You at any time.

GRADUATION SUNDAY



Addison Pease graduated from Paulding High School, she will be attending Bowling Green University. She received the Cloyce & Elizabeth Vance Scholarship and The Memorial Book Scholarship.

Clint Reinhart graduate from Indiana Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Concentration of Construction Management

"Education has equipped your mind, but faith will guide your heart. Let "God's purpose lead you into the incredible future He's prepared!"

Disciples Women Ministry



We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. All women of the church are invited to attend.

Campers

Reese & Carlie Lero will be going to Camp Emmaus June 14th-June 20th. Their sister Haylie will also be going as a counselor.

The address is Camp Christian, 10335 Maple Dell Road, Marysville, Ohio 43040

Summer Camp



Summer Camp Registration Forms are available in the office.



Church Tin Caps Outing

The Membership Committee would like to schedule a Tin Caps Outing if we have enough people interested. We are thinking a Sunday after worship. Please let Denise know if you are interested.

Mowers

Thank you for your help.

May 25- June 7-Gary McClure
June 8- June 21-Denny & Brian Vance
June 22-July 5-Matt Strayer
July 6- July 19-Gary McClure
July 20-August 2-Clint Reinhart
Aug.3-Aug 16-Mick Coak
Aug 17-Aug 30-Gary McClure
Aug 31-Sept 13-
Sept. 14-Sept.27 Gary McClure
Sept28-Oct. 13-Ric Beals
Oct.14-Oct 25 - Mick Coak



DISCIPLES MEN'S GROUP

The Men's group meets the third Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. All men of the church are invited to come.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children continue to meet following children's moment during worship. Teachers are needed May through August. Please see Suzy Strayer to help.

Children's Bell Choir will not meet during the summer.

The Sunday School class for adults will meet again in the fall.



June 28th following worship.

The Men's Group will be providing the meat and buns. Please bring a dish to share.

SPRING CLEANING

It's time to think about spring cleaning. There is a list on the hallway bulletin board that has specific areas that need a deep cleaning. You can clean when it's convenient for you.

Summer Music

If you would like to share your musical talent during worship this summer, please sign up on the bulletin board. If you have questions, please contact Donna.



Caring and Sharing Food Pantry

The Disciples Women's Ministry would like to promote **June is kids snacks and foods. Ex. Fruit snacks, mac & cheese, fish crackers.** Thanks for helping us help neighbors! The Caring and Sharing Food Pantry always welcomes new volunteers if you have time to spare.



QR Code Donation

The QR code has made it convenient for donations to the church to be made. Thank You.

Charitable Contributions

According to IRS.gov. beginning with tax year 2026, if you do not itemize, you may deduct up to \$1000.00 (\$2000.00 if filing jointly) of your cash contributions to certain qualified organizations.
(Churches qualify)

For your contributions of cash, check or other monetary gift, you must maintain a record of the contribution.

A written communication from the qualified organization containing the name of the organization, the amount and the date of the contribution must be submitted. You may find the complete information at irs.gov., publication 526.

COUNTERS

- 6/07 Matt Strayer, Tracy Gunderman, Cindy Grace
- 6/14 Jan Commers, Paul Long, Sandy Bandy
- 6/21 Max Hibbard. Corey Harris, Clint Reinhart
- 6/28 Nicole Harris, Angela Bowers, Gary McClure



First Christian Church
Fund Summary

	100 TITHES AND OFFERINGS	102 INITIAL ENVELOPE OFFERING	104 SPECIAL HOLIDAY-EAS TER	105 SPECIAL HOLIDAY-PEN TECOST	118 Elavon Tithes/Offering s	200 BUILDING/MAI NT.	500 CAPITAL IMPROVEMEN T	Total
04/04/2026	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
04/05/2026	2,863.00	5.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	50.00	3,003.00
04/11/2026	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
04/12/2026	1,820.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	5.00	0.00	2,325.00
04/15/2026	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,055.00	2,155.00
04/19/2026	1,158.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	20.00	0.00	1,233.00
04/20/2026	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
04/25/2026	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
04/26/2026	1,335.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	100.00	20.00	0.00	1,505.00
04/29/2026	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	220.00	0.00	0.00	220.00
Total	7,276.00	10.00	75.00	50.00	1,370.00	55.00	2,105.00	10,941.00



New Roof

The Board voted at the April 21st Meeting to proceed with the roof project. Bids for the project were given to the trustees; they had reviewed the bids and recommended Buckeye Roofing. The cost of the roof will be \$89900.00. The board chair has contacted the company to be put on their schedule. We currently have \$57204.26 in the New Roof/Capital Improvement fund. The remainder of the balance will need to come from donations or the interest on our current Endowment fund held at Paulding Area Foundation. If you would like to contribute, please mark your donation New Roof. God has blessed us with this wonderful building that must be maintained. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this project.

General Endowment Fund

There was an endowment fund established in 2022 at the Paulding Area Foundation for First Christian Church. The original donation cannot be spent, however the interest accrued may be used at the board's determination. Anyone can contribute to the fund which will ensure the church has an income source for the future.

Sanctuary Painting



With the roof being replaced it was a good time to get estimates on painting the sanctuary. As you may know there are several places where the water has leaked in and caused a need for repair. After looking at estimates the Board on May 19th voted to move forward with the cost being \$6000.00. We will be using the interest of the endowment fund if needed. If you feel you would like to donate to this project, please mark building maintenance on your donation.



Thank You

First Christian Church,
Thank You to all who prayed
and Sent Cards for my Mother.
Very much appreciated.
Terry & Lona McCollum
Dan & Shirley Workman

Thank You

First Christian Church,
Caring & Sharing Food Pantry is
grateful for your ongoing support
with monthly food donations.
Thank you for blessing our
neighbors in-need in Paulding
County.

Thank You

Thank You all very much
for the card and prayer
book, as well as the kind
words of encouragement.

Clint Reinhart

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



PASTORS HOURS: TUES-THRU. 8 A.M. 12 P.M.

SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS: TUES-FRIDAY 8 A.M-12 P.M

WORSHIP: SUNDAYS-10 A.M.

CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWING
CHILDRENS MOMENT

“Don’t judge each day by the harvest you reap
but by the seeds that you plant.”

—Robert Louis Stevenson

Special Dates for June 2026

- Flag Day, *June 14, 2026*
- Juneteenth, *June 19, 2026*
- Father's Day, *June 21, 2026*
- First Day of Summer, *June 21, 2026*

JUNE 2026

	1	2 DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MEETING-10 .AM.	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 STEWARD/FINANCE 6:30 P.M.	11	12	13
14	15	16 BOARD MEETING-7P.M.	17	18	19	20 MEN'S GROUP-9 A.M. RICKER-FS HALL
21 ELDERS-8:30 A.M. FATHER'S DAY	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 CH. PICNIC FOLLOWING WORSHIP	29	30				

SERVERS:

ELDERS:

6/07 Gary McClure & Tracy Gunderman
6/14 Larry Grace & Paul Long
6/21 Gary McClure & Max Hibbard
6/28 Gary McClure & Bruce Gunderman

WORSHIP LEADER: Matt Strayer

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Larry Grace

GREETERS: Kenny & Marsha Adkins

Sermons:

6/07 “Take a Hot Bath”, Scripture: Matthew 9: 9-13

6/14 “Squirrel!”, Scripture: Romans 5: 1-89

6/21 “Decide”, Scripture : Matthew10: 24-39

6/28 “Spirit of Giving”, Scripture: Matthew 10:40

I Am the Bible

I am the Bible, God's wonderful library.
I am always — and above all — the truth.

To the weary pilgrim, I am a strong staff.
To those who sit in darkness, I am glorious light.
To those who stumble beneath heavy burdens, I am sweet rest.
To those who have lost their way, I am a safe guide.

To those who are sick in sin, I offer healing, strength and forgiveness.
To the discouraged, I bring a glad message of hope.
To those distressed and tossed by the storms of life, I am an anchor, sure and steadfast.
To all who search for salvation, I reveal the Savior of the world.

I am the Bible

From Gratitude to Faithful Praise



Gratitude is the beginning of faith; faith leads us to the ultimate gratitude.

Gratitude is often the first quiet step of faith. Before answers come, before circumstances change, gratitude teaches the heart to notice God's presence and provision. Scripture reminds us, "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18, KJV). Giving thanks, even in uncertain moments, opens our eyes to God's faithfulness already at work.

As gratitude grows, it naturally leads us into deeper trust. When we remember what God has done, faith finds solid ground. "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1, KJV). Gratitude strengthens that hope by anchoring it in God's past mercies. Each thankful prayer becomes a reminder that the same God who carried us before will carry us again.

Faith, in turn, leads us to ultimate gratitude, not just for blessings received, but for God himself. "Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15, KJV). This gratitude reaches beyond circumstances and rests in Christ, the greatest gift of all. When gratitude begins our journey and faith guides our steps, our hearts learn lasting praise, thankful not only for what God gives, but for who he is.



Reflecting the Father's Name

Renowned actor Sidney Poitier once said, "I decided in my life that I would do nothing that did not reflect positively on my father's life." For those blessed with a father they admire and respect, such a decision can be deeply shaping. How might it influence the way you set priorities, live with integrity, or serve as a positive example to the young people watching your life?

For all of us — children of the only perfect Father — may this be our prayer and intention:

God, while earthly fathers are a blend of strengths and flaws, you give yourself to us as our heavenly Father, wholly loving, kind and deeply invested in our good. Help me seek to reflect positively on you. May my life spread your love, kindness and care far and wide, and may others see you in me. Amen.

BIBLE READING PLAN:

Choose YOUR OWN JOURNEY



Head out on a month-long exploration through God's Word. Each day's quest comes with some options. Choose from a prayer, a parable, a gospel reading or an epistle reading. If you have more time or use this Bible Reading Plan more than once a day, read the rest of the passages too.

3. PRAISE

- Prayer: Exodus 15:1-18
- Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

4. LOVE

- Prayer: Philippians 1:9-11
- Gospel: Mark 12:28-33
- Epistle: 1 John 4:7-21

5. PRAYER

- Prayer: Matthew 6:9-13
- Parable: Luke 18:10-14
- Epistle: Ephesians 6:17-20

6. OBEDIENCE

- Parable: Matthew 21:28-32
- Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

2. TRUST

- Prayer: Psalm 28:6-9
- Gospel: Mark 5:21-43

8. WISDOM

- Prayer: 1 Kings 3:3-9
- Parable: Matthew 7:24-27
- Epistle: James 3:13-18

9. CALLING

- Prayer: Isaiah 6:1-8
- Epistle: 1 Peter 2:9-10

10. FORGIVENESS

- Prayer: 1 Kings 8:46-53
- Parable: Matthew 18:21-35
- Gospel: Luke 23:32-34

11. JOY

- Prayer: Psalm 16
- Parable: Luke 15:1-10
- Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

12. RESTORATION

- Prayer: Psalm 51:10-19
- Gospel: John 2:19-22

13. STEWARDSHIP

- Parable: Luke 12:16-21
- Gospel: Luke 21:1-4
- Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:17-19

14. HUMILITY

- Parable: Luke 14:7-14
- Epistle: Philippians 2:1-11

15. REFUGE

- Prayer: Psalm 121
- Gospel: John 17:11-19

16. MIRACLES

- Prayer: Matthew 14:13-21
- Gospel: Mark 9:14-24

17. FRUITFULNESS

- Parable: Matthew 25:14-30
- Gospel: John 15:1-8
- Epistle: James 2:14-24

18. UNITY

- Prayer: John 17:20-23
- Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

19. PROVISION

- Prayer: Deuteronomy 28:1-14
- Parable: John 10:1-18
- Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34

20. PEACE

- Prayer: Isaiah 26:1-13
- Epistle: 2 Corinthians 13:11-14

21. JUSTICE

- Prayer: 1 Kings 8:56-61
- Parable: Matthew 20:1-16

22. PERSISTENCE

- Prayer: James 5:13-18
- Parable: Luke 18:1-8

23. EVANGELISM

- Prayer: Acts 4:23-31
- Epistle: Romans 10:9-15

24. FAITHFULNESS

- Prayer: Nehemiah 8:1-13
- Parable: Matthew 21:18-22

25. SUFFERING

- Prayer: Job 19:21-27
- Epistle: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

26. GROWTH

- Prayer: Colossians 1:9-14
- Parable: Mark 4:26-29

27. MERCY

- Parable: Luke 10:30-37
- Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16

28. SALVATION

- Prayer: Acts 2:22-36
- Parable: Luke 16:19-31
- Gospel: John 3:16-17

29. READINESS

- Prayer: Luke 1:46-55
- Parable: Matthew 25:1-13

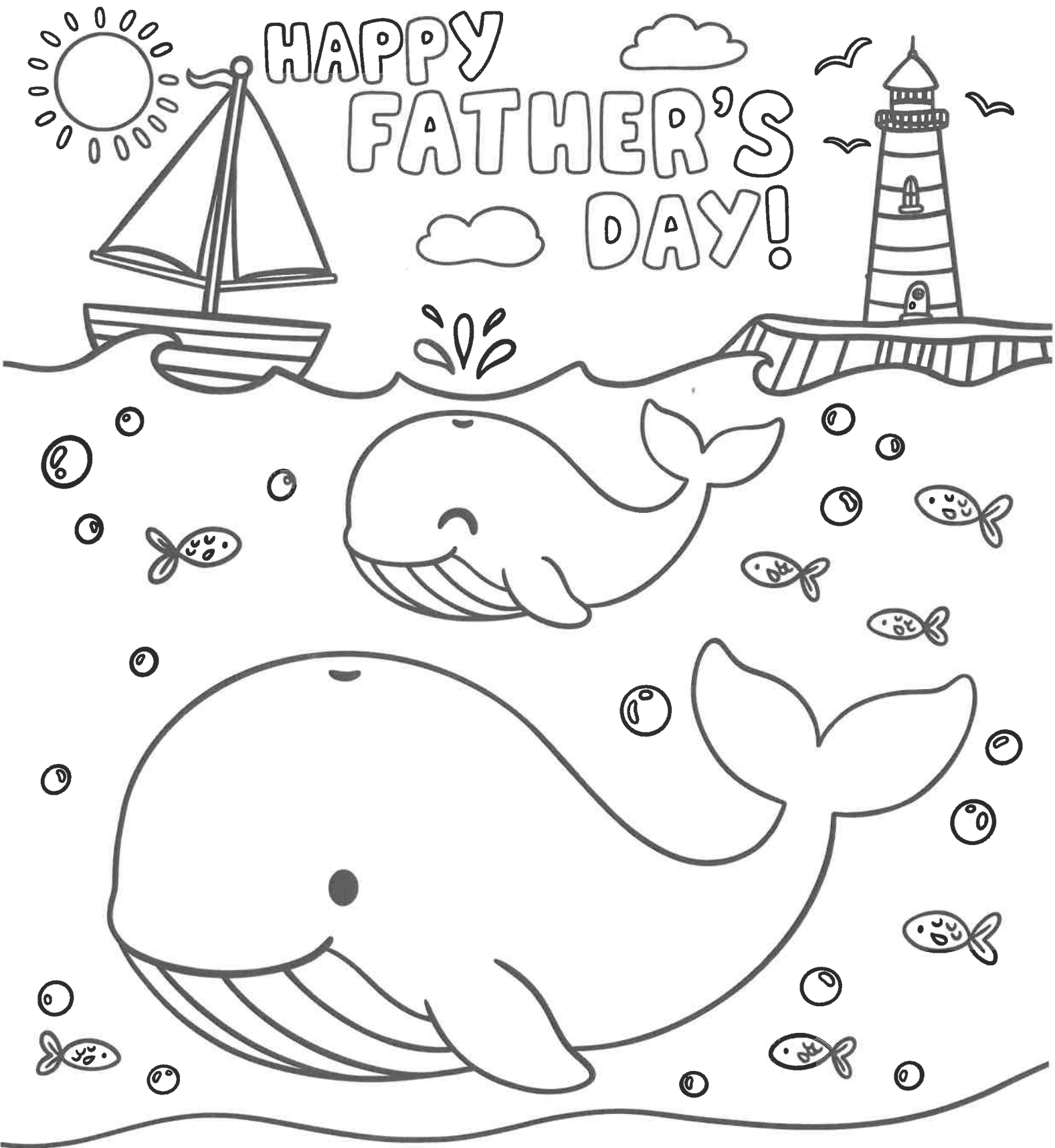
30. KINGDOM OF HEAVEN

- Parable: Matthew 13:31-33
- Gospel: John 14:1-4

31. BLESSING

- Prayer: Numbers 6:24-27
- Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24





I WHALEY LOVE YOU!

Puzzle!

A Father's Love

Directions: Match the biblical children to their father, using the clues by the father's name. Then write the corresponding letter on the lines to complete the Bible verse below.

Shem, Ham & Japheth = M	John the Baptist = N
Solomon = O	Jacob & Esau = A
Jonathan = I	Cain, Abel & Seth = O
Jesus = C	Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar,
Rachel & Leah = S	Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Gad,
Isaac & Ishmael = P	Naphtali, Asher & Dinah = S

God:	"This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."	_____
Adam:	God gave him another son because the older killed the younger.	_____
Noah:	His sons were blessed and told to multiply and replenish the earth.	_____
Abraham:	God promised he would be a father of many nations. The Jews and Arabs descend from these two sons.	_____
Isaac:	His older son sold his birthright, and his younger son tricked Isaac and received the blessings for the firstborn.	_____
Laban:	He had two daughters; the older was tender-eyed and the younger was very beautiful. Both married Jacob.	_____
Jacob:	Two wives and two handmaids gave him 12 sons and a daughter.	_____
Saul:	His son was David's best friend.	_____
David:	He had many children, but one was known for his wisdom, for having many wives and for building God's temple.	_____
Zechariah:	His son, a cousin of Jesus, was born to be a messenger of repentance.	_____

As a father has _____
 on his children, so the LORD has
 _____ on those who
 fear him. *Psalm 103:13, NIV*



Answer: compassion

WORDS THAT HONOR DAD!

Create this artwork to show your love and appreciation for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.



What you need:

- A white painting canvas, foam-core board or poster board
- Letter stickers or letter stamps

What you do:

1. Using the letters, spell out words that describe your dad's character (loving, honest, godly, etc.) and/or his roles (protector, provider, mentor, etc.).
2. Arrange the words in a crossword-style design, placing them both horizontally and vertically.
3. Once you're happy with the layout, stick the words onto the canvas or board.
4. Decorate the canvas as you like, then present it as a meaningful reminder of your love and appreciation for who he is.